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SUBJECT: UN: LATEST APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AT UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK

¶1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT: On Friday, February 9, 2007, Chef de Cabinet Vijay Nambiar announced that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had accepted the resignation of fifteen senior officials (9 at the Under-Secretary-General level, 6 at the Assistant Secretary-General level). Nambiar also announced the appointment of four officials at the Under-Secretary-General level. Additional appointments are expected at the Assistant Secretary-General level, to be followed by the appointment of Special Representatives. (For a full transcript of the announcement visit www.un.org/News/briefings/docs/2007/db070209.doc.htm.)

¶2. Identifying and placing Americans in senior positions where we do not lead the office or agency remains an important USG objective. The announcement that an American will serve as Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, represents an unique opportunity for the USG to identify key senior level positions outside of DPA and submit qualified, competitive candidates for consideration. The Mission has identified DPI, where a Japanese candidate has been appointed, as an important opportunity, and requests the Department to identify candidates. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

¶3. List of Resignations at the Under-Secretary-General Level:

- Mr. Nobuaki Tanaka, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs
- Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Mr. Jian Chen, Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management
- Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs
- Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information
- Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Special Advisor to Secretary-General on Africa

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- Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, High Representative for the Least-Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States
- Ms. Mervat Tallawy, Executive-Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- Mr. Hak-su Kim, Executive-Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

¶4. List of Resignations at the Assistant Secretary-General Level:

- Mr. Hedi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Peacekeeping Operations
- Mr. Patrizio M. Civili, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Mr. Carlos Lopes, Assistant Secretary-General and Director for Political Affairs Executive Office of the Secretary-General

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- Mr. Toshiyuki Niwa, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

- Ms. Rima Salah, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- Mr. Kunio Waki, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes, UNFPA

15. List of Appointments at the Under-Secretary-General Level:

- Department of Economic and Social Affairs: Mr. Sha Zukang
(China)

- Department of Political Affairs: Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe
(United States)

- Department of Public Information: Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka
(Japan)

- Department of General Assembly and Conference Management:
Mr. S. Muhammed Shaaban (Egypt)

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